

09/856099

1608 Rec'd PCT/PTO 17 MAY 2001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Atty's Docket No. 101215-63

APPLICANT : Lutz Müller-Kuhrt et al.  
FILED : Concurrently Herewith  
FOR : Device and Method for the Parallel Separation  
of Substances by Liquid Chromatography

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as  
follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

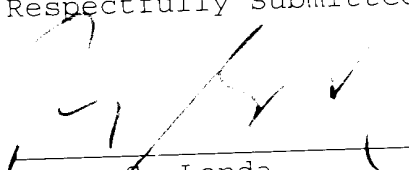
Please make claims 3 - 12 solely dependent on claim 1; and

Please make claims 14 and 15 solely dependent on claim 12.

**REMARKS**

The above amendments were made to eliminate multiple  
dependent claims.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce S. Londa  
Attorney for Applicant  
Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus P.A.  
220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, N.Y. 10017  
Telephone: (212) 808-0700  
Telecopier: (212) 808-0844